

Amendments To The Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0003] of the application as filed as follows:

[0003] As disclosed in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-124291, or as shown in FIGS. 30 and 31, a FUEL CELL assembly, for example, a solid polymer electrolyte type fuel cell assembly 10 (FIG. 31), is formed by a stack of membrane-electrode assemblies (MEAs) and separators 18. The stacking direction is not limited to vertical directions but may be an arbitrary direction. Each membrane-electrode assembly is sandwiched by a pair of separators 18 to form a unit cell 19.